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1. In early 1954, ore was being mined at the 30- and 60-m levels of the Zentralschacht (Central Mine) at Lichtenberg. Conveyor belts and other mechanical equipment were used for haulage operations. Mining activities were at the same level as during the preceding months. No boring operations were conducted. In early 1954, the fenced-in area of the mine was considerably enlarged to provide space for the ore dumps. There were two large ore dumps available, one for grade II and one for grade III ore. An ore loading plant with two storage bunkers was also available.
2. At Zentralschacht Schmircha, ore was being mined at the 30-, 60-, 90-meter levels. The ore mined at the installation was not sorted according to grades. In April 1954, the mine area was enlarged to obtain additional space for the ore dump. Ore was loaded from the dump directly into dump trucks. An ore loading plant similar to that in Lichtenberg was available. This plant had only one ore storage bunker. No gallery construction work was going on at the mine. A connection with the construction site at Paitzdorf had not yet been established. It was rumored that workers from the former Object 30 at Saalfeld would soon be transferred to Paitzdorf.
3. The quantity of ore loaded at Ronneburg slightly increased and a greater number of railroad cars for loading purposes have been made available. Only flatcars fitted with side racks were used for the transportation of ore. One flatcar can hold three truckloads. A maximum of 50 railroad cars were loaded during an eight-hour shift. The railroad cars were assembled into trains, which in general departed at night. The trains were dispatched to Crossen. Three loading ramps were available for loading purposes. Other loading facilities were not available.
4. Work on the construction of the new Zentralschacht at Paitzdorf was making slow progress. Construction work was done by Object No 29.
5. Object No 29 carried out drilling operations around the Zentralschacht at Lichtenberg.
6. At the Gauern Mine the over-burden was still being removed with the help of six dredgers. Ore mining activities had not yet been started. The loading ramp at Gauern railroad station was completed, but the ramp was still without tracks. Construction work was being done by Object No 11 on the border of the village on

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